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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (ORIGINAL) A method for producing a lactulose-containing powder composition, comprising the steps of:

preparing a raw material liquid so that a lactulose content within a powder produced following spray drying is 10 to 50% by weight, a protein content is 0.2 to 9.0 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of lactulose, and a chlorine content is no more than 0.08 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of protein, and

spray drying this raw material liquid.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method for producing a lactulose-containing powder composition according to claim 1, further comprising the step of carrying out a treatment for altering a ratio between protein and chlorine in advance on the materials used for preparing said raw material liquid.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method for producing a lactulose-containing powder composition according to claim 2, wherein said treatment for altering said ratio between protein and chlorine is ultrafiltration.

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4. (ORIGINAL) A lactulose-containing powder composition produced using the method for producing a lactulose-containing powder composition according to any one of claims 1 through 3.

5. (ORIGINAL) A feed additive comprising a lactulose-containing powder composition according to claim 4.